

Greenlawn Cemetery

Rules & Regulations

1. All cemetery lots and all areas surrounding cemetery lots owned by the City of Franklin and within the boundaries of Greenlawn Cemetery are subject to the rules and regulations of Greenlawn Cemetery as adopted by the Franklin Board of Public Works and Safety. Individual lot owners are only buying the right to use said lot for the purpose of interment of human remains. No other use of said grounds will be allowed.
2. All cemetery lots must be paid for in full before said lot can be reserved or before an interment can be made.
3. No disinterment shall be made without the appropriate legal documentation and obtaining the appropriate permits from all applicable governments organizations.
4. All human remains must be interred in an appropriate concrete or other appropriate material container.
5. The proprietor of each lot shall have the right to erect proper stones, monuments or sepulchral structures. The proprietor of each lot will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of stones, monuments or structures erected.
6. All graves will be seeded by cemetery personnel. Seeding will take place twice a year in the spring and fall.
7. All persons are prohibited from planting trees and shrubs on lots or graves. Flowers are permitted in appropriate containers. Edging will be allowed provided that it is no more than 12 inches from the monument or headstone and contained on the owner's lot. No wooden edging will be allowed. Marble chips or other rocks or gravel will not be allowed as they pose a safety hazard. All glass containers or any other object deemed to be dangerous by the cemetery Superintendent are prohibited and will be removed at his or her discretion.
8. If any trees or shrubs, by means of their roots, branches, height or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lots, walks or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient to passengers, the Superintendent has the right to enter into the said lot and remove the said trees or shrubs or such parts thereof.
9. If any monument, effigy, or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed upon any lot, which shall be determined to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds, cemetery personnel shall have the right to enter upon such lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or objects.
10. All cemetery maintenance within the boundaries of Greenlawn Cemetery including, but not limited to, ground repair, digging of graves and mowing of grass shall be accomplished by authorized cemetery personnel. No equipment not owned or authorized by the cemetery shall be permitted to work or be used within the boundaries of Greenlawn Cemetery. Hand towels may be used.
11. All funeral flowers will be removed no later than 5 working days after the funeral. In the event cemetery flowers are not removed within 5 working days, cemetery personnel shall remove them and discard them.
12. Trellises of any kind are prohibited on the grounds of the cemetery. No enclosures of any kind are allowed around graves. Lot owners are prohibited from placing on lot or graves all toys, cases, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, and bric-a-brac of every description. Any such articles found on the cemetery grounds will be removed. All approved items must be placed on the confines of the owner's lot.
13. All concrete items including slabs, benches, or other concrete items shall be installed only with the approval of the Superintendent. The cemetery has the right to rearrange said items to keep lanes open for maintenance and safety purposes.
14. No wooden benches, chair, settees, headboard or wooden articles of any kind will be allowed on the grounds. Small wooden crosses will be allowed (18" maximum).
15. Greenlawn Cemetery or the City of Franklin shall not be held liable for decorative items that are stolen, missing or damaged. All decorative items left on cemetery grounds are the lot owner's responsibility. The items include, but are not limited to, vases, urns, flower pots, shepherds hooks and figurines of any kind.
16. All trees, shrubs, flowers, cement benches and other cement items that are currently situated on the owner's lot will be allowed to remain. It will be the lot owner's responsibility to regularly maintain shrubs, flowerbeds, and cement items. If said items become unsightly, the cemetery has the right to remove them.
17. These rules and regulations are approved by The Franklin Board of Public Works and Safety. These rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.